

The Contests

The Solar Decathlon Competition consists of 10 separately scored Contests. Contests contain one or more Contest Activities. For example, Contest 5: Comfort Zone consists of two separately scored Contest Activities. The team with the highest total points at the end of the Competition will win. The table below lists the 10 Contests and the point values assigned to each.

Contest Number	Contest Name	Available Points
1	Architecture	200
2	Engineering	150
3	Market Viability	150
4	Communications	100
5	Comfort Zone	100
6	Appliances	100
7	Hot Water	100
8	Lighting	100
9	Energy Balance	100
10	Getting Around	100
TOTAL		1200

There are three ways to earn points. Most Contest Activities are one of the following three types, but some of the Contest Activities are a combination of two types.

- Successful task completion
- Continuous performance measurements
- Subjective jury evaluation.

Contest Activities based on successful task completion and/or continuous performance measurements are also called “objective” Contest Activities. Contest Activities based on a subjective jury evaluation are also called “subjective” Contest Activities.

Points for successful task completion are generally awarded as a function of “closeness to completion.” Points for continuous performance measurements are either awarded every 15 minutes during scored periods of the Event, at the end of each day, or at the conclusion of the Contest Week when performance requirements are met or partially met. To clarify, “scored periods” include all the 15-minute increments between the official start time on the first day of continuous measurements and the official finish time on last day of continuous measurements, with the exception of those periods during which scoring is suspended for public tours. Public tour schedules will be published in the Event Schedule.

The scoring of the subjective Contest Activities is more flexible than the scoring of the objective Contest Activities described above. However, for the sake of fairness, it is important that there is consistency. To encourage consistency among all the subjective Contest Activities, the Jurors will be encouraged to use the evaluation method described in the [Subjective Contest Activity Guidelines for Jurors and Teams](#).